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IN THE MATTER OF AJO IMPROVEMENT
COMPANY, AND ITS APPROVED
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF AN APPROXIMATE 47-
MILE 230 kV TRANSMISSION LINE FROM
GILA BEND TO AJO.

Docket Nos. L-00000-97-0089- 00000

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NOTICE OF FILING

ORIGINAL

Ajo Improvement Company ("AIC") submits its proposed form of notice that it will have published in local newspapers in Gila Bend and Ajo. As a result of meetings with Staff, AIC will voluntarily provide notice in newspapers of general circulation of its intent to use steel monopoles instead of wood poles for the above-captioned 230 kV Transmission Line Project from Gila Bend to Ajo. AIC had sent certified letters to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), Pima County, the Town of Gila Bend and the Barry M. Goldwater Range (via the 56th Range Management Office) ("BGR") – with only BGR responding. These letters were filed in the docket on August 19, 2014. Notably, 89% of this project will be in a BLM right-of-way, with 91% on federal lands. The majority of private lands that this line traverses are owned by Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc.

AIC intends to publish notice the week of September 22, 2014, and agrees to a limited time for any interested persons to request intervention (30 days from when notice is provided). AIC assumes Staff can then submit its memorandum.

Finally, AIC seeks to have an order before the end of the year on its June 27, 2014 request and believes that timeframe is reasonable based on the relatively simple issue in question.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AIC's PROPOSED CHANGE TO ITS CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY TO USE STEEL MONOPOLES

DOCKET NO. L-00000G-97-0089

Ajo Improvement Company ("AIC" or "Company") intends to construct the approximate 47-mile 230 kV transmission line from Gila Bend to Ajo (the "Project") with steel monopoles. The original Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") approved the Project with the use of primarily wooden structures. AIC does not believe the change from wood to steel is a material change requiring a modification to the CEC, and requested that the Commission make that determination. To the extent, however, the Commission believes that this is a material change to the CEC, the Company has requested approval of the change under A.R.S. § 40-252. The heights of the monopoles will not change from what was originally proposed. AIC now intends to use steel monopoles for the entire project. There are no other changes contemplated with the Project and there will be no increased environmental impact from the change. A copy of AIC's request that was made on June 27, 2014 can be found at <http://images.edocket.azcc.gov/docketpdf/0000154357.pdf>. The proposed change does not guarantee that the project will be constructed, or that any mining operations in and near Ajo, Arizona, will commence. But if the Project were to be constructed, steel structures would provide significantly greater reliability than wooden structures.

You have the opportunity to request intervention in the proceeding. Intervention shall be in accordance with A.A.C. R-14-3-105. If you wish to intervene you must file an original and 13 copies of a timely written motion to intervene with the Commission and send a copy of the motion to the Applicant or its counsel and to all parties of record. The motion must, at a minimum, contain the following: (1) your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address, and telephone number of the proposed intervenor and of any person upon whom service of documents is to be made; if different from the intervenor; (2) a short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g. a customer or potential customer of the Applicant, etc.); (3) a statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to the Applicant or their counsel and to all parties of record in the case. If representation by counsel is required by Rule 31 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor. For more information about requesting intervention, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/interven.pdf>.

The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to request a hearing. If a hearing is ordered, an intervenor is permitted to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. Failure to intervene, however, will not preclude any interested person or entity from providing public comment on the application. The Commission anticipates considering this matter at a future Open Meeting. Public comment regarding the application will be taken at that time. For a form to use and instructions on how to email comments to the Commission, go to <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Utilities/forms/CommentForm.htm> or call 1-800-222-7000. Written public comments may also be submitted in this case by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. L-00000G-97-0089 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix 85007.

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